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1. It has been reported that fears of Ecuadoran Communist Party leaders that a world war might break out by August 1949 were based on information received from Europe by Primitivo Barreto, former Secretary General of the Party.*
2. In view of this, Communist leaders in Quito have given considerable thought to their affairs. They feel that the problems related to this subject are such that no definite decision should be made until Pedro Saad returns to Quito and all members of the Central Committee can meet with him. Saad has sent word that he will arrive soon and will be able to give them information on the underground program as well as on the establishment of a Latin American Control Headquarters. Consequently, Quito leaders contemplate resolving all major policy problems before 1 April 1949.
3. With respect to the Party's actions on behalf of Russia, it has been ascertained that the Party possesses a general plan of sabotage and harassment which, if successful, would serve to neutralize any action by Ecuador on behalf of the Western Powers.
4. The problem of providing for efficient operation of the Party underground entails a decision as to where their hidden headquarters can best be established. Party members have decided on two likely places and plan to investigate both during the coming week. The requirements for a hiding place are: a) it must be located in a place that would afford fairly safe and easy access to both the coastal and the Sierra regions and b) it must be secluded, away from populated areas, and not too close to any main highways.

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